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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PTO RECORDS AND RESTARTING OF OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE PERIOD

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed for this application on January 3, 2005, and listed claim 1 as the only claim pending in this application. The application documents that were filed in English on July 17, 2003, however, included two claims.

This application also claims priority from Provisional Application Serial No. 60/398,917. In accordance with the PTO Rules, an English-language translation of the provisional application was filed in the present application on September 3, 2003. The provisional application included claim 1 only.

In light of the foregoing, it appears that the PTO has examined the English-language translation of the Provisional Application, instead of examining the original application papers that were filed in English on July 17, 2003. To make matters worse, it appears that the PTO even published the English-language translation of the provisional application, instead of publishing the original English application papers that were filed on July 17, 2003.

In light of all the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the pending Office Action be rescinded and a new Office Action be mailed addressing claims 1 and 2 pending in the application as filed on July 17, 2003. During a telephone conversation with Examiner Dougherty on February 1, 2005, he indicated that a new Office Action would be mailed, and the period for response would be re-started from the mailing date of the new Office Action.

It is also respectfully submitted that the PTO should republish this application using the English documents that were filed July 17, 2003. The English-language translation of the provisional application that was filed September 3, 2003 was accompanied by a transmittal document that, in no uncertain terms, clearly identified the document as a translation of the provisional for perfecting §119(e) priority only. How the PTO clerical staff interpreted this document as a translation of the original application papers, which were already filed in English, is beyond explanation. Applicants should not be penalized for such a drastic clerical mistake on the part of the PTO.

Should the appropriate official at the U.S. PTO have any questions concerning this matter, he or she is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted.

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